

NATURAL NEWS



The Field Museum
Exploring
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People

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

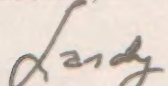
UNITED WAY CRUSADE OF MERCY

Dear Colleagues:

The Field Museum raised \$11,670 in the 1994 United Way Crusade of Mercy.

We are grateful to **Marilyn Martinson**, Campaign Chair, and **Rodger Patience**, Campaign Coordinator, for spearheading the Museum's participation in this year's Crusade of Mercy. But the greatest thanks goes to each member of the Museum staff who contributed. Your support will go far to assist agencies which provide crucial human services in the Chicago area. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,


Willard L. Boyd
President

VOLUNTEERS CRUCIAL TO CRUSADE'S SUCCESS

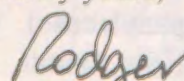
I am grateful to **Marilyn Martinson**, Campaign Chair, for asking me to serve as Campaign Coordinator for this year's Crusade of Mercy. But I am even more

grateful for the dedication and talent of the campaign volunteers who agreed to serve by planning and executing each part of the campaign: **Jaci Carter** (CCUC), **Leatrice Evans** (Security), **Miesha Harris** (Education), **Martina Hough** (Exhibits), **Jennifer Noe** (Personnel), **Phil Parrillo** (Insects), and **Tony Valentino** (Housekeeping). **Mark Alvey** (Geology), **Janeen Devine** (Library), **Sarah Long** (Botany), and **Peter Lowther** (Computing) also volunteered to help in the distribution of campaign materials.

We can all be very proud of The Field Museum's longstanding support of social service agencies through the United Way Crusade of Mercy. Like our institutional commitment to lifelong learning, our contributions to the United Way are part of the whole fabric of our concern for the well-being of all Chicagoans.

Thank you all for a very successful 1994 campaign.

Sincerely yours,


Rodger Patience, Campaign Coordinator

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY JONATHAN HAAS RESULTS IN PUBLISHED STANDARDS.

The Arkansas Archeological Survey recently published, *Standards for Data Collection From Human Skeletal Remains*, which resulted from the proceedings of a seminar organized by **Jonathan Haas** (Anthropology) held at the Field Museum January 25-26, 1991. This 206 page volume, edited by Jane E. Buikstra and Douglas H. Ubelaker, provides an exhaustive and thorough data protocol for human remains that are likely to be repatriated or otherwise made unavailable for future research. Jonathan received support from the National Science Foundation to conduct this seminar/workshop to develop standards for the collection of osteological (skeletal) data. Current data collection methods for human remains are highly variable and tailored to specific topics which makes it difficult to compare data sets among researchers. The seminar and resulting text developed detailed standards for the study of human remains that will enable scientists to gain the maximum amount of information from skeletons that may soon become unavailable for future study.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

TOM LAMMERS GUEST LECTURER AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

On Thursday, February 9, **Tom Lammers** (Botany) was the guest lecturer for an undergraduate advanced honors seminar on island evolution and natural history at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The first portion of the course uses the Hawaiian Islands as a model system to introduce basic concepts of island biology, and Tom was invited to describe his own research program on the diversification and spread of the Hawaiian Lobelioideae (Campanulaceae). Other invited lecturers were Dr. Isabella Abbott,

Professor Emeritus at Stanford University, and Dr. Charles Olson, President and CEO of the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy. This was Tom's second time to participate in this seminar, as he was also an invited participant the last time it was offered, in 1992. Prior to coming to Field Museum, Tom spent two years in the Department of Botany at Miami as Visiting Assistant Professor.

RUSSIAN PALEONTOLOGISTS VISIT THE GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Mikhail Fedonkin, Head of the Department of Precambrian Paleontology, and his wife, Dr. Tatiana Tumanova, Curator of Fossil Reptiles, both from the Paleontological Museum and Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, visited The Field Museum February 16-18. "Misha" Fedonkin's pioneering work on the origin, evolution and morphology of the earliest animal life on earth has earned him numerous international honors and recognitions; he was one of the first (1990) Visiting Scientists at the Field Museum. "Tania" Tumanova works primarily on the morphology and systematics of Mongolian dinosaurs, which she has collected during many Russian-Mongolian expeditions to the Gobi Desert. She was delighted to see the names of "her" species engraved on the dinosaur tombstone in our **Life Over Time** exhibit. Dr. Fedonkin plans to donate casts of very rare Precambrian fossils to the Museum, and to analyze with **Matthew Nitecki** the sudden appearance of animal life.

BIRDS DIVISION

The Birds Division is about to discard 50 large and 50 small Cambridge can drawers (i.e. specimen trays). Anyone who wants them can contact **Dave Willard** (x269) or **Tom Gnoske** (x260).

March 1995

MUSEUM WIDE-CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 1:00-2:00pm ED Teacher Wkshop St. Xavier Univ, LHI	3	4 9:00am-1:00pm SE Wesley College, LH2 11:00am-1:00pm ED S&D Girls' Day Festival, SFH 1:00-3:00pm Strength & Diversity Seminar, LHI 6:00-11:00pm SE Tooling & Manufacturing Assoc, JST
			8 8:30am-1:30pm SE Cinema Acad., JST 1000 9:00am-3:30pm U of IL, LHI	9	10 9:00am-12:00pm R.I. F., LHI	11 11:00am-4:00pm ED Japanese Fest, SFH 6:00pm ED Maori Volunteers Potluck Dinner, DRE 7:30pm-9:00am ED Maori Volunteers Overnight Flower Show Begins
12 11:00am-3:00pm ED Japanese Fest, SFH	13 3:00-5:00pm Exhibits Staff Meeting, Maori House 6:30-10:30pm Camera Club, LH2 7:30-10:00pm Prim. Art Soc., LHI	14 11:00am-3:00pm SE AT&T, DRE	15 3:00pm-9:00am SE Setterholm Prod, SFH	16 3:00pm-9:00am SE Setterholm Prod, SFH	17	18 8:30am-12:00pm ED I. A.B.T., LHI 8:00pm ED Plains & Pueblo Perf, JST
19 Flower Show Ends S&I closes	20 7:00-10:00pm Chgo Ornith. Club, LH2	21	22 8:00am-3:00pm IL State Bd of Ed, LF2	23 5:30-8:30pm SE Chgo Council of Foreign Relations, LOT	24 ED Overnight	25 6:00pm-12:00am SE Elmhurst Hosp, EFM 250
26 12:00-9:00pm SE Bonglades Assoc of Chicagoland, JST	27 6:00-10:00pm DEV Stewardship Dinner, Founder's Rm	28 3:00-9:00pm ED Volunteer Recognition, SFH	29 12:00-2:00pm DEV Donor Luncheon, Founder's Rm 12:00-3:30pm U of IL, LHI	30 6:00-10:00pm SE Regency, SFH (Tentative)	31	

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Classroom 4	2nd	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room B	GF	4	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room C	GF	6	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room D	GF	12	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329
Founder's Room	1st	100	I	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862 Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255
Weiber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Public Serv.	Gene Dillenburg	636
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Prog. Dev.	Carrie Hageman	488

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

*To All Department Managers Who
Have Not Had An Open House:*

WANTED !! MORE OPEN HOUSES

Our Open House is part of the learning opportunity program that is coordinated by the Kaffeeklatsch Committee.

We do not have any Open Houses for the months of March through December. If you are interested, please call **Anita Purnell** in the Visitor Services Department (x386) for more details and to place your department on our calendar.

This program is an excellent way to learn about the various departments that make the Museum operate. Most of all it is a unique way for staff to meet their co-workers, developing a fellowship across departmental boundaries.

CALLING IN ALL PASSPORTS!!!

OOPS!

We mean all *Field Museum Open House Passports*. If you attended ten or more Open Houses in 1994, you might be eligible for a prize. If you feel you qualified, please send or drop your Open House Passport off to **Anita Purnell** in the Visitor Services Department. Please make sure your name, department and telephone extension is printed on your passport.

*Want to know a good way to forget those cold winter days and put some "SPRING IN YOUR STEP?" Come to the first **Annual Spring Bazaar** ...*

March 31, 1995 in Dining Room E from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (set up time 10:00 a.m.)

There will be gifts for the spring bride, and gifts for Mom and Dad, Easter Basket fillers and window sill greenery, delicious tummy fillers and neat ways to recycle those plastic pop bottles.

If you wish to be a vendor, please call **Elaine Zeiger** (x338) or **Pam Buczkowske** (x239). Remember that space is limited -- first come, first served.

UPS and DOWNS

Major repair work will be started March 6, 1995, on the north passenger elevator.

The contractor feels that they should have the work completed by the following Monday, March 13, 1995.

Please plan your vertical travel accordingly.

Questions? Call ext. 380.

LANGUAGE BANK REMINDER

Thanks for the tremendous response to our Language Bank. We are still seeking more names and languages.

As a reminder.. In order to accommodate our many international visitors. The Visitor Services Department is compiling a list (A Language Bank) of all multi-lingual employees. This list will assist us in effectively serving our foreign visitors by allowing us to quickly and accurately translate their requests. If you are fluent in any foreign language please complete the form below and return it to the Visitor Services Department or place it in our mail box by February 28.

Name _____ Department _____

Foreign Language _____ Ext. _____

***** PLEASE RETURN TO VISITOR SERVICES -- THANKS! *****